

BEFORE THE
POSTAL RATE COMMISSION
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Docket No. R97-1

RESPONSE OF UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE
WITNESS DANIEL TO INTERROGATORY OF
THE NEWSPAPER ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA
REDIRECTED FROM WITNESS MODEN
(NAA/USPS-T4-6)

The United States Postal Service hereby provides the response of witness Daniel to the following interrogatory of the Newspaper Association of America: NAA/USPS-T4-6, filed on August 20, 1997, and redirected from witness Moden.

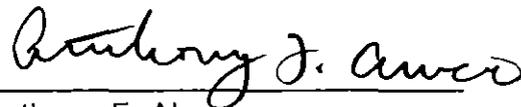
The interrogatory is stated verbatim and is followed by the response.

Respectfully submitted,

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NAA/USPS-T4-6. Please refer to your direct testimony at page 8, lines 19-23. What is the Postal Service's unit cost of barcoding a non-barcoded ECR basic letter?

RESPONSE:

The model cost of barcoding a letter can vary between 0.7107 cent if a MLOCR can successfully barcode the letter to 3.538 cents if the letter also requires RBCS and LMLM processing to successfully barcode the letter (0.7107 cent for MLOCR, 1.7525 cents for RBCS, 0.7187 cent for LMLM, and 0.3561 cent for BCS-OSS). However, these costs should not be confused with the total mail processing costs of processing a barcoded ECR basic letter.

DECLARATION

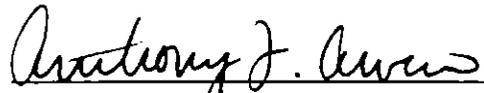
I, Sharon Daniel, declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing answers are true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.


SHARON DANIEL

Dated: September 3, 1997

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon all participants of record in this proceeding in accordance with section 12 of the Rules of Practice.


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